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MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE DEPT SENDING CANADIAN
AMBASSADOR TODAY, WHICH REFERS TO CANADIAN NOTE DELIVERED
DEPT APPROXIMATELY MARCH 5 AND GIVES NOTICE OF TERMINA-
TION OF JUNE 1954 BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH CANADA ON
PACIFIC OCEAN WEATHER STATIONS:

QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO NOTE NO. 66 FROM THE
EMBASSY OF CANADA, CONCERNING THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HELD
IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 1, 1973, BETWEEN CANADIAN AND
UNITED STATES OFFICIALS REGARDING THE UNITED STATES
BUDGETARY DECISION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN TERMINATION OF
UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
STATIONS (NAOS) PROGRAM ON JUNE 30, 1974.

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AS RECOGNIZED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE, THESE ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA WITH REGARD TO THE NAOS PROGRAM. UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS OF 1954, CANADA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION OF ONE VESSEL AT OCEAN STATION B AND THE UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION OF TWO VESSELS AT THAT STATION. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH CANADA IN JUNE 1954 UNDERTOOK THE FULL OPERATION OF OCEAN STATION B IN THE ATLANTIC IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FULL OPERATION BY CANADA OF OCEAN STATION P IN THE PACIFIC.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE DESIRE OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THE UNITED STATES NOT TERMINATE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE NAOS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1975, THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE AGREEMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE SEVENTH NAOS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, EXTENSION OF UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION BEYOND JUNE 30, 1974, IS NOT POSSIBLE. AS THE EMBASSY IS ALREADY AWARE, THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO CALL AN INFORMAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THE NAOS AGREEMENT WHILE THEY ARE ATTENDING THE SECOND ICAO CONFERENCE ON THE 1956 DANISH AND ICELANDIC JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS AT PARIS, MARCH 27 TO APRIL 7, 1973. THE PURPOSE OF THE INFORMAL MEETING WILL BE TO DISCUSS AN ORDERLY PHASE-OUT OF UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE NAOS PROGRAM BY JUNE 30, 1974, AND PRESENT ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR MEETING METEOROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE UNITED STATES ON MARCH 20, 1973, GAVE NOTICE TO THE ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL OF TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS, AS AMENDED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 B) OF ARTICLE XIX. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIX, THE AGREEMENT WILL TERMINATE ON JUNE 30, 1974. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF TERMINATION, SUCH TERMINATION TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1974, OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH CANADA ON PACIFIC OCEAN WEATHER STATIONS, EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIGNED AT OTTAWA JUNE 4 AND 28, 1954.

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ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST

CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE

2. EMB SHOULD INFORM EXTAFF US WOULD PREFER HAVE INFORMAL
NAOS DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS APPROXIMATELY MARCH 30 IN VIEW
AVAILABILITY OF US METEOROLOGIST TO PRESENT ALTERNATIVE
MEANS FOR MEETING METEOROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS. ROGERS

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